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Dear Criminal Justice Colleagues,

Many of you are aware of the significant funding reductions to the Edward G. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) over the past several years which impacted programs across the Commonwealth. The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet faced difficult funding decisions during the 2015 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application cycle. This was due to another significant reduction in our 2015 federal award along with minimal funds available from prior year federal awards.

The 2016 Justice Assistance Grant will be limited to funding for the Drug Task Force category as a result of the continued decline of federal funds and in keeping with the Cabinet's highest policy priorities.

Grants Management Branch staff have enjoyed working with all of the programs affected by the reduction in funds and hope to again in the future when funding levels improve.

Respectfully,

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